

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 26, 2015**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 26, 2015 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was recessed to hold the Board of Finance meeting with the County Treasurer on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. After the meeting, Mark Bacon moved to reconvene with Commissioners business.

Minutes of the following meetings were approved:

- December 19<sup>th</sup>-Special Meeting for payroll issue. Motion to approve by Mark Bacon and seconded by Bruce Levi.
- December 29<sup>th</sup>-Regular Meeting. Motion by Mark Bacon. Bruce Levi seconded the motion.
- January 8<sup>th</sup>-Public Hearing for the Flood Ordinance. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve with Mark Bacon offering a second.
- January 12<sup>th</sup>-Regular Meeting. Motion to approve by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi.

### **SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

The Commissioners reported on their joint meeting with the County Council, City Council, Mayor, APC & BZA board to discuss the direction of the current APC. Commissioner Levi reported a successful meeting with cooperative effort.

### **EMS COMMUNICATIONS**

Members of the Anderson Twp and Raleigh Volunteer fire departments were present to support the needed updates to the communication tower at the jail. A meeting with Motorola confirmed that dispatches were not always being received in the county, and a quote from Motorola is forthcoming.

Sheriff Jim Cowan presented a report from Owens Communications outlining three pages of recommendations to improve the paging system. No action was taken.

### **SUPERIOR COURT**

Superior Court Judge Brian Hill reported that he is now utilizing the Video Conferencing system that was newly installed. Judge Hill requested the cables be covered for safety & appearance along with repair of the plaster & paint and finally that new carpet be installed in the courtroom and adjoining offices. The judge was thanked for compiling the estimates.

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported that the new pick-up truck has arrived and is on the road.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported the inmate count at 29. Cowan shared that he had purchased a 2012 Chevy Tahoe and was searching for another Tahoe; an order has been placed for two Dodge Chargers. Two courthouse security officers have been hired but Cowan is in need of financial assistance in the amount of \$14,000 to uniform the two officers.

Cowan presented the PSAP annual certification and the Equitable Sharing Agreement. Mark Bacon moved to sign the later. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The PSAP certification was put on hold.

## **AUDITOR**

The auditor presented the Covered Bridge Certification. Mark Bacon moved to sign the form with Paul Wilkinson seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Surety bonds were signed for Diana Hoeing and Tonya Muckerheide on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and a second from Mark Bacon.

Anderson Twp Fire Department submitted the annual financial report.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Paul Wilkinson moved that Bruce Levi be appointed to the Work One board. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A vacancy remains on the Public Defender board. The auditor was instructed to advertise the position.

## **BICYCLE/WALKING TRAILS**

The City of Rushville requested the County's support on a State Board of Health grant to allow a comprehensive study on bicycle and walking trails. Phil Wright advised to use caution on any rails to trails project.

Claims were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon questioned why the prisoner meals claims were more than usual. The auditor was instructed to check the claims for the last for months and compare them to the inmate count.

Payroll was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Paul Wilkinson offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon  
Mark Bacon

/s/ Paul Wilkinson  
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor